Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and each of these attributes can be ascribed to Colleen Ronning, who is retiring from the Black Hills Workshop and Black Hills Works in Rapid City, South Dakota, after serving 42 years of dedicated service to the developmentally disabled; and,

Whereas, During Colleen's tenure at the workshop, she held numerous positions such as case manager, director of case managers, director of nursing, admissions coordinator and Vice President of Community Support Services, and has held a number of leadership and management positions; and,

Whereas, Colleen is a graduate of the Leadership Rapid City program and a facilitator for the Leadership Rapid City program; and,

Whereas, Colleen has been recognized many times for her advocacy for people with disabilities as first recipient of the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce "Wind Beneath My Wings" award for Human Services, was recognized on the floor of the joint session of Congress for her dedicated service to the disabled and was presented the flag that flew over the Capitol that day; and,

Whereas, Colleen has served on numerous local, state and national boards and committees to advocate for the disabled, has been the Honorary Civilian Commander for the 28th MDG Squadron at Ellsworth Air Force Base for many years, was a board member for the Parade of Lights, and helped start and develop the Susie Cappa Art Center; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper to honor this outstanding South Dakotan on the occasion of her retirement:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2016, as

COLLEEN RONNING DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State